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## Idaho Milk Production Up 8.0 Percent

Idaho milk production during September 2010 totaled 1.09 billion pounds, an 8.0 percent increase from the same month last year, but down 4.5 percent down from August 2010. August 2010 milk production was revised to 1.14 billion pounds, down 4 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in September 2010 was 1,910 pounds, up 60 pounds from September 2009. The average number of milk cows during September was 571,000 head, up 25,000 from September 2009 and unchanged from August 2010.

Milk production in the 23 major States during September totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from September 2009. August revised production at 15.0 billion pounds, was up 2.7 percent from August 2009. The August revision represented a decrease of 18 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,729 pounds for September, 54 pounds above September 2009. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.37 million head, 31,000 head more than September 2009, and 4,000 head more than August 2010.

## Milk Production Average Number of Cows, Selected States, September 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Milk Per Cow <sup>2/</sup>		Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	167	182	1,690	1,750	282	319	13.1
California	1,769	1,747	1,735	1,885	3,069	3,293	7.3
Colorado	117	122	1,880	1,945	220	237	7.7
Florida	114	113	1,180	1,180	135	133	-1.5
Idaho	546	571	1,850	1,910	1,010	1,091	8.0
Illinois	102	99	1,480	1,485	151	147	-2.6
Indiana	168	169	1,620	1,645	272	278	2.2
Iowa	215	205	1,630	1,670	350	342	-2.3
Kansas	114	121	1,675	1,685	191	204	6.8
Michigan	355	359	1,835	1,860	651	668	2.6
Minnesota	469	470	1,545	1,520	725	714	-1.5
Missouri	105	98	1,110	1,125	117	110	-6.0
New Mexico	318	318	1,980	2,015	630	641	1.7
New York	617	611	1,620	1,695	1,000	1,036	3.6
Ohio	278	270	1,500	1,550	417	419	0.5
Oregon	114	119	1,595	1,640	182	195	7.1
Pennsylvania	542	542	1,560	1,600	846	867	2.5
Texas	416	415	1,660	1,695	691	703	1.7
Utah	83	85	1,760	1,770	146	150	2.7
Vermont	134	139	1,485	1,455	199	202	1.5
Virginia	96	95	1,405	1,430	135	136	0.7
Washington	238	252	1,915	1,940	456	489	7.2
Wisconsin	1,258	1,264	1,655	1,655	2,082	2,092	0.5
23 State Total	8,335	8,366	1,675	1,729	13,957	14,466	3.6

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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## Idaho September Red Meat Production Down 10 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for September 2010 totaled 17.7 million pounds, down 10 percent from September of last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-September 2010 period totaled 152.6 million pounds, down 11 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.16 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 4.26 billion pounds produced in September 2009. Beef production, at 2.25 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 3 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was down 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,289 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.3 million pounds, 4 percent below September a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 71,200 head, down 12 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was up 28 pounds from last year, at 273 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.88 billion pounds, down 6 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.34 million head, down 6 percent from September 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 270 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.1 million pounds, was down 12 percent from September 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,000 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, down 1 pound from September a year ago. January to September 2010 commercial red meat production was 36.1 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 1 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	September 2009	August 2010	September 2010	September 2010 As Percent of 2009 <sup>2/</sup>
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	140.2	146.9	144.3	103
Colorado	173.3	183.4	182.2	105
Idaho	19.6	17.4	17.7	90
Illinois	248.2	225.7	227.7	92
Iowa	615.6	524.6	548.7	89
Kansas	454.7	485.0	453.1	100
Minnesota	228.5	222.8	235.1	103
Montana	1.3	1.5	1.3	103
Nebraska	627.9	603.5	612.1	97
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	83
Oklahoma	97.5	95.3	96.9	99
Oregon	4.9	5.3	5.3	108
South Dakota	78.6	81.9	85.1	108
Texas	429.1	448.4	436.2	102
Utah	33.4	39.8	37.3	112
Washington	73.2	75.6	76.7	105
Wyoming	0.5	0.8	0.5	109
United States	4,262.7	4,126.5	4,160.5	98

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: United States <sup>1/</sup>

Type	Sep 2009	Aug 2010	Sep 2010	Sept 2010 As Percent of	
				Sep 2009	Aug 2010
	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Beef	2,234.1	2,287.5	2,252.8	101	98
Veal	11.7	11.2	11.3	96	101
Pork	2,002.1	1,815.0	1,883.3	94	104
Lamb & Mutton	14.8	12.8	13.1	88	102
Total Red Meat <sup>2/</sup>	4,262.7	4,126.5	4,160.5	98	101

1 Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2 Totals may not equal sum of the parts due to rounding.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 2 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on October 1, 2010 totaled 200,000 head, down 2 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory increased 15,000 head from September 1, 2010. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during September totaled 57,000 head, up 4,000 head from September 2009 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during September totaled 41,000 head, down 1,000 head from the same month a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 1,000 head during September.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on October 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent above October 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.46 million, 3 percent above 2009. Net placements were 2.41 million head. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 510,000, 600-699 pounds were 455,000, 700-799 pounds were 602,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 895,000. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.80 million, 2 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 54,000 during September, 15 percent above 2009.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000 + Capacity Feedlots, by Month, State, and United States 2009-2010 <sup>1/</sup>

State	October 1, 2009	September 1, 2010	October 1, 2010		
			Number	As % of 2009	As % of September
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	275	240	240	87	100
California	465	435	445	96	102
Colorado	960	890	1,000	104	112
Idaho	205	185	200	98	108
Iowa	520	560	570	110	102
Kansas	2,220	2,200	2,330	105	106
Nebraska	2,170	2,050	2,220	102	108
Oklahoma	355	355	370	104	104
South Dakota	195	195	205	105	105
Texas	2,600	2,550	2,640	102	104
Washington	147	167	177	120	106
Other States	362	346	382	106	110
United States	10,474	10,173	10,779	103	106

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on September 30, 2010, totaled 850 million pounds, an increase of 4 percent from August 31, 2010 but down 9 percent from September 30, 2009. Other frozen potatoes, at 213 million pounds, decreased 2 percent from August 31, 2010, but increased 7 percent from September 30, 2009.

United States' stocks of butter on September 30, 2010, totaled 130 million pounds, down 16 percent from the end of the previous month, and down 43 percent from September 30, 2009. Stocks of American cheese totaled 636 million pounds, slightly up from August 31, 2010, and up 7 percent from September 30, 2009.

Commodity	Sept. 30, 2009	Aug. 31, 2010	Sept. 30, 2010	2010 2009
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES				
French Fries	932,227	818,195	849,657	91
Other Frozen	198,022	218,134	212,783	107
Total	1,130,249	1,036,329	1,062,440	94
DAIRY				
Butter, Total	227,924	155,253	129,779	57
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	596,191	633,513	635,582	107

## Idaho Dry Bean Production Up

Idaho dry bean production for 2010 is forecast to be 2.45 million cwt, up 24 percent from last year's 1.98 million cwt. Yields are expected to average 1,900 pounds per acre, a decrease of 100 pounds per acre from 2009 and down 50 pounds per acre from the August forecast. Harvested acreage is expected to total 129,000 acres, up 30 percent from last year's 99,000 acres harvested. Dry Bean estimates include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Production of alfalfa hay is estimated at 4.67 million tons, down 2 percent from 2009. Harvested acreage, at 1.14 million acres, is unchanged from last year. Other hay production is estimated at 704,000 tons from 320,000 harvested acres, down from the 740,000 tons from 370,000 acres in 2009. Idaho sugarbeet production for 2010 is forecast to be 5.47 million tons, down 2 percent from the 5.59 million tons a year ago. Yield of 32.2 tons per acre is down from last year's 34.3 tons per acre. Harvested area of 170,000 acres is up from the 163,000 acres harvested in 2009. Corn planted for 2010 is estimated at 310,000 acres, up from 300,000 acres the previous year. Of the 310,000 acres planted, 95,000 acres are expected to be harvested for grain, up 19 percent from last year. Production of canola is expected to total 33.1 million pounds from 18,400 harvested acres.

U.S. dry edible bean production is forecast at 32.6 million cwt for 2010, up 6 percent from the August 1 forecast. Planted area is forecast at 1.90 million acres, up 7 percent from the August 1 forecast. Harvested area is forecast at 1.83 million acres, 7 percent above the August 1 forecast. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,783 pounds per acre, a decrease of 15 pounds from the August 1 forecast. If realized, this will be the highest yield on record. Production of alfalfa hay is forecast at 71.3 million tons, down 2 percent from the August forecast but up slightly from last year. Other hay production is forecast at 81.0 million tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast but up 6 percent from last year. U.S. sugarbeet production for the 2010 crop year is forecast at 33.3 million tons, up 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and 12 percent above 2009. Producers expect to harvest 1.12 million acres, down 19,000 acres from September and down 24,100 acres from 2009. Expected yield is forecast at 29.6 tons per acre, an increase of 0.7 ton from the previous forecast and 3.9 tons from last year. If realized, this will be a record high yield for the United States. The first canola production forecast for 2010 is 2.53 billion pounds, up 72 percent from 2009. U.S. corn production is forecast at 12.7 billion bushels, down 4 percent from the September forecast and down 3 percent from last year's record production of 13.1 billion bushels.

### Selected Crops: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Idaho & U.S. 2009-2010

	Area Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		
	2009	2010		2009	2010	2009	2010	
IDAHO	Thousand Acres			Thousands				
	Alfalfa Hay	1,140.0	1,140.0	Tons	4.20	4.10	4,788	4,674
	Other Hay	370.0	320.0	Tons	2.00	2.20	740	704
	Sugarbeets	163.0	170.0	Tons	34.3	32.2	5,591	5,474
	Canola	14.5	18.4	Pounds	1,700	1,800	24,650	33,120
	Dry Beans <sup>1/2/</sup>	99.0	129.0	Pounds	2,000	1,900	1,980	2,451
	UNITED STATES							
Alfalfa Hay	21,227.0	20,732.0	Tons	3.35	3.44	71,030	71,326	
Other Hay	38,528.0	38,924.0	Tons	1.98	2.08	76,412	80,952	
Sugarbeets	1,148.6	1,124.5	Tons	25.7	29.6	29,563	33,256	
Canola	814.0	1,418.2	Pounds	1,811	1,786	1,474,130	2,533,550	
Dry Beans <sup>1/2/</sup>	1,463.0	1,829.3	Pounds	1,733	1,783	25,360	32,615	

1/ Yield in pounds, production in cwt. 2/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed; includes chickpeas.